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Extradition of accused from UK

305. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the key accused in the sensitive/classified data leak case from the Indian Navy War Room has been reported to be living in U.K.;

(b) whether it is a fact that an extradition treaty exists between India and U.K.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CBI has requested for initiating due process with Government of U.K. for extradition of the said key accused in order to be able to conduct investigations into the case; and

(d) if so, the details of the requirement/suggestions made by CBI and status thereof as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (c) Yes.

(d) The Government of India made a request to the Government of the United Kingdom for provisional arrest of the accused person for the purpose of extradition under the provisions of the Treaty between the two countries. In reply, the concerned authorities in UK have asked for an extradition request. The detailed extradition request is being prepared by CBI.

Nuclear military programme by Pakistan

306. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report published by the Washington based Institute for Science and International Security, suggesting Pakistan to be in an advanced stage of building a second research reactor and a larger reprocessing plant as part of its nuclear military programme at the Chasma facility;

(b) whether Government have endeavoured to ascertain *inter alia* the accuracy of the said report;